

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

1. A flashing for use in a portal installation in an opening defined by a sill and jambs extending therefrom, the flashing comprising:

a base member having first and second portions, the second portion being disposed at an angle relative to the first portion such that an outer surface of the first portion is configured to be disposed against the sill of the opening and an outer surface of the second portion is configured to be disposed against one of the jambs of the opening;

a front face plate extending from each of the first and second portions of the base member in a plane generally perpendicular to the first and second portions; and

a plurality of channels disposed in at least the first portion of the base member to direct water toward and through the front face plate.

2. A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein each of the first and second portions of the base member defines opposite inner and outer surfaces, the outer surface being structured to be disposed against a respective one of the sill and jamb and the inner surface of at least the first portion defining the channels and ridges between the channels, the ridges defining a surface substantially parallel to the outer surface and structured to support the portal.

3. A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the first and second portions of the base member are substantially perpendicular.

4. A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the outer surfaces of the first and second portions of the base member are substantially planar.

5. A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein each channel is tapered to define an increased depth at the front face plate.

6. A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the flashing is formed of a unitary molded plastic member.

7. A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the channels are disposed in each of the first and second portions of the base member.

8. A flashing according to Claim 7 wherein the channels do not extend through the end edge of the first and second members opposite the front face plate.

9. A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the flashing is structured to be configured with the outer surface of the first portion of the base member disposed toward one of the jambs of the opening and the outer surface of the second portion disposed toward the sill of the opening such that the flashing can be selectively installed in either of two corners of the opening.

10. A window assembly in an opening of a wall, the window assembly comprising:

10 a wall defining an outer surface and a wall opening therethrough, the wall opening being at least partially defined by a sill and jambs extending from the sill, and the wall opening defining first and second corners at intersections of the jambs and the sill;

15 first and second flashings disposed at the corners of the wall opening, each flashing comprising:

20 a base member having first and second portions, each of the first and second portions defining an outer surface and an opposite inner surface, the outer surface of the first portion being disposed toward the sill of the opening, the outer surface of the second portion being disposed toward one of the jambs of the opening, and the inner surfaces defining a corner of the flashing;

25 a front face plate extending from each of the first and second portions of the base member in a plane generally perpendicular to the first and second portions of the base member and generally parallel to the outer surface of the wall; and

25 a plurality of channels disposed in the first and second portions of the base member; and

30 a window disposed in the wall opening, the window having first and second corners, each of the corners being received by a respective one of the flashings such that the inner surfaces of the first and second portions of the base member of each flashing are disposed toward the window,

wherein the channels of the first portion of each flashing are structured to direct water toward the outer surface of the wall and through the front face plate.

11. A window assembly according to Claim 10 wherein each of the first and second portions of the base member of each flashing defines opposite inner and outer surfaces, the outer surface being disposed against a respective one of the sill and jamb and the inner surface defining the channels and ridges between the channels, the ridges defining a surface substantially parallel to the outer surface for supporting the window.
12. A window assembly according to Claim 10 wherein the first and second portions of the base member of each flashing are substantially perpendicular.
13. A window assembly according to Claim 10 wherein the outer surfaces of the first and second portions of the base member of each flashing are substantially planar.
14. A window assembly according to Claim 10 wherein each channel of the flashings is tapered to define an increased depth at the front face plate.
15. A window assembly according to Claim 10 wherein the front face plate of each flashing defines apertures for receiving fasteners.
16. A window assembly according to Claim 10 wherein the flashings are each formed of molded plastic.
17. A window assembly according to Claim 10 wherein each flashing is a unitary member.
18. A window assembly according to Claim 10 wherein each of the flashings are substantially similar such that each flashing is configured to be disposed at each of the corners of the wall opening.

19. A method of installing a window in a wall opening of a wall, the opening being defined by a sill and jambs extending from the sill to define corners with the sill, the method comprising:

5 disposing first and second flashings at the corners of the wall opening, each flashing comprising:

a base member having first and second portions, each of the first and second portions defining an outer surface and an opposite inner surface, the second portion being disposed at an angle relative to the first portion such that the outer surface of the first portion is configured to be disposed toward the sill of the opening, the outer surface of the second portion is configured to be disposed toward one of the jambs of the opening, and the inner surfaces define a corner of the flashing;

10 a front face plate extending from each of the first and second portions of the base member in a plane generally perpendicular to the first and second portions of the base member; and

15 a plurality of channels disposed in the first and second portions of the base member; and

disposing a window in the wall opening, the window having first and second corners, each of the corners of the window being received by a respective one of the flashings such that the inner surfaces of the first and second portions of the base member of each flashing are disposed toward the window, and the channels of the first portion of each flashing are structured to direct water toward the outer surface of the wall and through the front face plate.

20 20. A method according to Claim 19 further comprising disposing a laminar moisture barrier sheet against the outer surface of the wall with each of the flashings disposed partially between the sheet and the wall and partially opposite the sheet from the wall.